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SUBJ: CSCE: TIMING AND LEVEL OF THIRD PHASE

1. FRG DELEGATION HEAD (BRUNNER), WHO WAS PRESENT AT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, HAS DEBRIEFED EC-NINE DELEGATIONS ON FRG VERSION OF THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON PHASE III. ACCORDING TO GERMAN INTERPRETATION, THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED PHASE III SHOULD BE HELD AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN SEPTEMBER AND SCHEEL AGREED.

2. WESTERN DELEGATIONS HERE HAVE PRESSED US FOR EXPLANATION OF US POSITION ON THIS POINT, RELATING THEIR INTEREST TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD PHASE SUMMIT. US POSITION IS ALSO IMPORTANT SINCE, AFTER SCHEEL'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, THE FRG APPARENTLY INSISTED ON DELETING REFERENCE TO PHASE III TIMING IN THE NINE'S REPORT ON CSCE.

3. WE ARE IN AWKWARD POSITION BECAUSE WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON THE SECREARY'S TALK WITH SCHEEL AND THUS CANNOT PROVIDE ALLIES WITH US VERSION OF DISCUSSIONS HELD OR WITH ANY INDICATION OF OUR THINKING ON THIRD PHASE TIMING. WE ANTICI-
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PATE THAT SOVIETS WILL SOON LEARN FRG SIDE OF THIS

STORY AND WILL QUESTION US CLOSELY ON US VIEWS.
WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE BEING FULLY INFORMED
ON THIS SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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